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Date: March 10, 2004

By: Judy Bridgwater

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	Mail Stop AF
Robert M. WINSLOW, et al.)	
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Application No.: 09/807,565)	Group Art Unit: 1723
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Filed: July 20, 2001)	Examiner: Sun U. Kim
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF)	Confirmation No. 9103
STROMA-FREE HEMOGLOBIN)	

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The enclosed Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 18, 2003. The shortened statutory period is set to expire March 18, 2004. Accordingly, this amendment is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the enclosed amendments and remarks that are presented in order to advance prosecution.

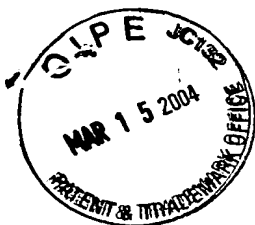


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Application No. 09/807,565
Attorney's Docket No. 034107-019

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are _____.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$385.00 (2801) ☐ \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.

- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. Of Claims	Highest No. Of Claims Previously Paid for	Extra Claims	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (1202) =	
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$86.00 (1201) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge \$_____ to American Express Credit Card No. 3785 961649 11001, Exp. Date: 09/05, referencing Attorney Docket No. _____.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 02-4800** referencing Attorney Docket No. 034107-019.

Respectfully submitted,
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Date: March 10, 2004

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